

'SUN' TOBACCO FUND GATHERING IMPETUS

Drive Toward the Quarter
Million Mark Now in
Full Swing.

FLO ZIEGFELD GIVES AID

Will Stage Open Air Revue at
Palm Beach To-night—
Others Volunteer.

Pressing hand against the \$200,000 line, the Sun Tobacco Fund continues its irrepressible march onward. The drive toward the quarter million mark is in full swing and is gathering impetus.

It is no wonder that this project makes such a heartless appeal to the public when one is enabled to note the pleasure with which the tobacco is received by the American soldiers in France. The strongest possible argument in favor of continued giving is contained in the following postcard addressed to a contributor by Private R. Van Wagoner of Company E, Sixteenth Infantry Engineers, somewhere in France:

"Your kind and generous donation of tobacco and cigarettes is greatly appreciated by me. American tobacco is almost a luxury with us in the American expeditionary forces. The French tobacco and cigarettes put me on my back quicker than a gas attack. We wait them. The good old American tobacco never before seemed so good."

Here is another clincher, soon to be received by another donor and signed by Private Albert H. Cobb, Medical Department, 116th Ammunition Train:

"Your gift of tobacco received. I hope when you read this the ray of sunshine will be returned to you, and you will have a feeling of pleasure, knowing that by your thoughtfulness you have made me one happy for a whole month. May that happiness be returned to you a hundredfold. Yours, in appreciation."

Machine Gunners Grateful.

From Major E. C. Geary, Jr., commanding the 147th Machine Gun Battalion, has come to the fund this splendid letter:

"This week I received from Major Shade, representing Col. Merriam, Quartermaster, Forty-first Division, a quantity of tobacco, including cigarettes and smoking and chewing tobacco, which, I was informed, was our proportion of the New York Sun's tobacco distribution."

"This tobacco I caused to be distributed to the men of this the 147th Machine Gun Battalion. On behalf of the men of this command I most heartily thank you and request you to convey our gratitude to all those who cooperated in the work."

"We are endeavoring to represent our country worthily in this great contest, and it is a splendid thing to know that we are remembered by the folk at home and that they are interested in our activities and welfare."

Several substantial contributions have been received from employees of the new Pennsylvania Hotel, which has been the hat and sent in offerings. From department to department the movement has spread until now members of the staff are placing fund contribution boxes, with placards attached, on the linen pay envelopes in every section of the city in which Post & McCord are engaged in construction work.

This means that virtually every employee means to make a regular contribution on every payday. This is a glorious example of universal giving, and the offerings are all the more welcome because they are purely voluntary. An spirit of healthy rivalry has arisen

among the several departments of the business, and the contributions have grown without a single suggestion having been made by the fund itself.

This is the night of the great open air review to be given for the fund in the Coconut Grove, Palm Beach, Fla. Florence Ziegfeld will direct the show and many entertainers who have no end of admirers in New York will be in the program. Women leaders of society are prominent among the patronesses. Indeed, every one in the fashionable colony is interested and a notable success is assured.

At a meeting to be held to-morrow at the Elks Club the complete program will be drawn up for the Sun Tobacco Fund night in the Omar Khayyam room of the Hotel Marlborough, which is set for next Monday, under the direction of Gus Edwards. The entertainment is to be divided into two parts and will cover both shows, which is the rule in this domain of merit—that is, at 7:30 and 11:30. In order to make them of equal interest a deeper draft than usual of Broadway stars is to be taken, and the dinner crowd and the supper throng will have nothing on each other.

Success Already Assured.

The success of the affair is already assured on the financial side by the great number of reservations which have been taken for both shows. So many are these that Walter Chandler, Jr., the general manager, has provided a method whereby the guests will draw for the favored seats those usually called the "ring-side" places.

Besides the three Love sisters and Hazel and Alice Farnes, Mabel Rogers and other favorites of the habitués, Bobby Watson is to appear in both parts of the affair, and Elmer Haines will sing at both "A Woman's Word" and "Goodnight, Ladies."

Those two popular patriotic numbers "Laddy Boy" and "That Grand Old Gentleman" (Uncle Sam) are to be heard, and Gus Edwards has given up singing because of his great devotion to the object of the benefit, the smoke fund, his newest composition, "Au Revoir, Ladies."

A hint was given a few days ago of the benefit which Arthur York, manager of the Palais Royal, is arranging to furnish for the fund. The date has now been definitely set for Friday, March 15, and the entertainment will be a dancing affair, with attractions in both the afternoon and evening.

Two Shows for the Fund.

From 3 until 6 o'clock there will be among such entertainments in Broadway, with soldiers' smoke as the beneficiary, at which a uniform admission fee of two cents will be charged. The usual Palais Royal show, always popular, will be reinforced by special numbers, and artistic novelties, selected for their appropriateness to this particular occasion, will be held.

The comfort of the soldiers is a project very close to the heart of Mrs. Laura R. Prisk, the mother of Flag Day, and president of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Harlem Board of Commerce. She recognizes the tobacco movement as one of the most practical means of accomplishing this end and is voluntarily devoting much time to patriotic addresses in which she urges contributions, but Mrs. Prisk made such a speech and took up a collection at a meeting of Floral Circle, Knights of Pythias, at Madison avenue and 125th street, Monday night, she spoke again before William G. Mitchell Camp, sons of Veterans, at 142 West 125th street, last night, and is scheduled to preside at a meeting of the Volunteer Fire Workers and First Aid Society of the Bronx to-night and address a meeting at 115 Murray street at noon to-morrow.

Mrs. Gardner's Contribution.

Another contribution was received yesterday from Mrs. Augustus P. Gardner of Washington. Mrs. Gardner is a daughter of Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts. She is the widow of an apostle of preparedness who resigned his seat in Congress from Massachusetts to enter the active service of his country, and whose untimely death a few weeks ago was regarded as almost a national calamity.

Another faithful supporter, Herbert R. Smith, the Town Clerk of New York, sends "another bit for the fund with congratulations on its remarkable growth." Comes also R. L. Lloyd with his regular monthly offering and "congratulations on the success of your movement. You are doing a real service."

Agree on Civil Rights Bill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Complete agreement on the soldiers' and sailors civil rights bill was reached today by Senate and House conferees, who soon will present the report to Congress. No changes were made in any important provisions of the measure.

Liberty Bond Notes Not Taxed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Exemption from the stamp tax of short time notes given to member banks to Federal reserve banks to facilitate issues of Liberty Bonds and war savings certificates was agreed upon today by the House Ways and Means Committee.

NEW ALDERMANIC DISTRICTS PLANNED

Republican Bill Makes Most of
Them Identical With As-
sembly Divisions.

There will be introduced in the Legislature to-day a bill providing for New Aldermanic district lines in New York City. The bill has been prepared by the New York Republican County Committee, with the approval of the party leaders of the four other counties in the city. One of the objects of the redistricting is to make the Aldermanic lines less complicated and to prevent the confusion that has arisen in the past because of the many different territorial arrangements for the various political districts.

The basic idea of the redistricting scheme was to make the Aldermanic lines conform with the Assembly district lines so far as possible, but it could not be done everywhere in Manhattan. The number of Aldermanic districts has been reduced by one, The Bronx being the borough to lose one representative. Provision is made for sixty-eight districts in the entire city, instead of sixty-nine as at present.

In Richmond the three Aldermanic districts will be left as they are. Queens will still have six Aldermen, but the district boundaries will be changed so as to make each coterminous with an Assembly district.

In Brooklyn the lines of twenty-two Aldermanic districts will be the same as the Assembly districts. One of the twenty-three Assembly districts in that borough—the Twenty-second—will be divided into two Aldermanic districts. The number of Aldermanic representatives from Manhattan will remain twenty-seven. As there are only twenty-three Assemblymen from Manhattan it was found impracticable to carry out the scheme for having many Aldermanic and Assembly districts the same. There are nine Senate districts in the borough and it was decided to cut each one into three Aldermanic districts.

COL. THOMPSON HELPS.

Gives Valuable Watch to Be Auctioneered for Tobacco Fund.

SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE SUN.
PALM BEACH, Fla., Feb. 26.—Col. William B. Thompson of New York, just back from Russia, where he was head of the Red Cross committee, today bought a wrist watch of platinum and diamonds worth several hundred dollars and gave it to be auctioned to-morrow night at the benefit entertainment in the Peninsula Casino at Grove for the Sun Tobacco Fund.

In making this gift Col. Thompson specified the plan of auctioning, one he has been using since he crossed the Atlantic, for raising war funds and which he thinks could well be employed in this country for the same purpose. He says all the theatres, especially in Pittsburgh, were holding such auctions nightly last fall after the show, and the interest around was sufficient to hold the crowds until long after midnight.

The sale is being called "A mystery auction for the boys in the trenches" and will be conducted by John E. Fitzgerald, formerly Mayor of Boston. Mr. Fitzgerald, who has a wide reputation as an orator, will have the assistance of two young society girls. Every time a bid is made one of these girls will immediately collect the money. The last bidder gets the watch, even if he offers only \$1.

The Col. Thompson says he has seen as much as 50,000 rubles raised in this manner on a single article, and that the excitement attending such a sale is tremendous.

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Colds bring
Pneumonia

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The old family remedy—in tablet form—safe, sure, easy to take. No unpleasant after effects. Cures colds in 24 hours—Crip in 3 days. Money back if it fails. Get the Cascara Quinine with Red Top and Milky picture on it.

At Any Drug Store

ACCUSED COPS PAID DURING SUSPENSION

Reporter's Alleged Assaults
Draw Pay Though Idle.

Although they have been under suspension from police duty for nearly two weeks and are awaiting trial in Special Sessions on charges of assault, it was not until yesterday that Darby Dent and Conrad Seebach, patrolmen attached to the East Fifty-first street station, ceased to draw city money for police services which they were not performing.

Dent and Seebach were arrested on complaint of George Price Arnold, a reporter on The Sun. He accused them of having broken into his office at 3 o'clock on the morning of February 6 and assaulted him because he refused to permit them to play cards there. The reporter's office is opposite the Fifty-first street police station.

Neither of the policemen ever had made any public explanation of why they entered the office. Capt. Duggan took them and the reporter before Magistrate Simms, and the Magistrate held both policemen in \$500 for trial at Special Sessions. Automatically Dent and Seebach were suspended from duty, but their names never did drop off the department's payroll. At Police Headquarters it was said there had been delay in getting formal reports in the policemen's cases from the office of Inspector Frank Morris, in whose district they were stationed.

In the police orders made public yesterday Commissioner Enright ordered Dent and Seebach to duty long enough to permit him to issue another order suspending them without pay.

Man Blown Off Moving Train.

John O'Toole, 25, of 27 Vanderbilt avenue, Brooklyn, a brakeman in the freight yard of the Eastern District Terminal Company, at the foot of North Ninth street, Williamsburg, was blown from the roof of a moving train yesterday. He sustained a fracture of the right leg, a scalp wound and a concussion of the brain. He was taken to the Eastern District Hospital.

LIBERTY MOTOR TO GET A TEST.

Congressmen Will Watch Flight of
U. S. Equipped Airplane.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The first public flight of an airplane equipped with the Liberty motor will be made here probably next week. Representative Hull, of Iowa, said to-day in announcing that arrangements had been completed to give Congressmen an opportunity to see the new engine in action.

Representative Hull, who made a flight yesterday with Col. Lee of the British Royal Flying Corps, announced also that an American army aviator will be chosen by the War Department to pilot the American machine and a chance will be given to compare the British Rolls-Royce motor with the American product.

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NOTICE

To Hotels, Apartment Houses, Office Buildings
and All Others Interested

Under the provisions of Chapter Four of the Laws of 1918 no person, partnership or corporation in any county bordering on the Hudson River or upon Long Island shall manufacture artificial ice after March 1, 1918, under a penalty of \$50 per day. This is to give notice that temporary permits pending application for permanent permit will be granted upon written application to the Ice Comptroller at his office, Room 3233, 120 Broadway, New York, if such application is made prior to February 28, 1918.

B. B. ODELL, Ice Comptroller.

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